

BACKGROUND

The Carenage Fishing Centre (CFC) and Fish Fry (CFF) serve as vital assets in promoting Trinidad and Tobago's fishing sector while promoting culinary tourism and local economic development. The CFC serves as a landing, marketing and support hub for local fisherfolk to sell their fresh fish while the CFF creates a marketplace that promotes local seafood made from the daily 'catch' of the fishermen. Both facilities were envisioned to create entrepreneurship and boost community/tourism engagement.

The Carenage Fishing Centre was constructed by the Urban Development Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago (UDeCOTT) and opened to the public in 2018, replacing informal roadside vending with a purpose-built facility that meets contemporary food-safety standards. The adjoining Carenage Fish Fry, inspired by the well-known Oistins Fish Fry in Barbados, was formally commissioned on 1st July, 2022. Both facilities were acquired by the National Agricultural Marketing Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO) via the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (formerly Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries) on April 1st, 2023.

COMPOSITION OF FACILITIES

The **Carenage Fishing Centre (CFC)** has two (2) main areas for sale of fresh, local fish – a retail area with twelve (12) vending stalls and a wholesale area with five (5) vending stalls. The centre is equipped with boat, engine and net repair areas, locker rooms, cold storage facilities, administrative offices and a multipurpose room.

The **Carenage Fish Fry (CFF)** consists of fourteen (14) booths offering a distinctive dining experience where patrons can enjoy a wide variety of seafood dishes. Twelve (12) of which are concessionaire food booths and two (2) bars. Approximately 75% of meals served feature seafood, underscoring the focus on promoting local fish products and encouraging sustainable consumption. The CFF also functions as a versatile event space, providing a scenic venue for community gatherings and other events.

OPERATIONAL HOURS

- 1) Carenage Fishing Centre (CFC)
Monday to Saturday: 7:00 am – 6:00pm
Sunday: 7:00am – 2:00pm
- 2) Carenage Fish Fry (CFF)
Monday to Wednesday: 5:00am – 11:00pm
Thursday to Sunday: 5:00 am – 1:00am